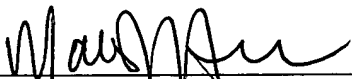


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE A

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.